

# Town of Bar Harbor: Covid Update

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**Mask. Distance. Wash Hands. Repeat.**

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The Governor's mandate requires Maine people to wear cloth face coverings in public places where physical distancing is difficult to maintain, as recommended by the US CDC.

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## Town Manager Question of the Week

Q. Is there another positive covid case at the High School?

A. In an email that arrived from Principal Matt Haney this morning, he writes:

*Good morning,*

*I am writing to inform you that through the MDIRSS ongoing asymptomatic sentinel testing program a staff member has had a test result that indicated a detectable level of the virus. This individual remains asymptomatic. At this time, contact tracing has been completed. Any individual who has been deemed to be a close contact will be contacted today by the COVID department at MDI Hospital and scheduled for exposure testing. If you do not hear from someone at the hospital by the end of the day today, you were not exposed to the individual who tested positive.*

*Thank you for your continued efforts to keep us all safe and to keep our schools up and running.*

*-Matt Haney*

## Covid Transmission Update

- MDI Hospital confirmed 36 positive tests to date, with the most recent positive on 12/20
  - 30 Hancock County residents
  - 6 (non-residents)
- As of today 12/24/20, Maine CDC has confirmed 497 positive cases in Hancock County
  - 12/17 - 455 positive cases
  - 12/10 - 344 positive cases
  - 12/3 - 298 positive cases

- 11/26 - 235 positive cases
- The current case rate for Hancock County is 90.7 per 10k people
- The current case rate for the State of Maine is 158.6 per 10k people

[Maine Center for Disease Control](#)

## MDI Hospital

**MDI Hospital Coronavirus Call Center** : If you are having symptoms or think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, call your primary care provider. If you do not have one, reach out to our Coronavirus Call Center at 207-801-5900. Calling ahead helps our dedicated health care professionals provide the best possible care and protects those in our community who are most vulnerable. Remember: **PLEASE CALL AHEAD**

## Public Safety & Municipal News

- The next Town Council meeting will be held on 1/5 at 5pm and can be viewed on Cable Channels 7 or 1303 and streamed on [Townhallstreams.com](http://Townhallstreams.com)
- The detour to the Municipal Transfer Station has ended and Ledgeawn Extension is open.
- [Walgreens pharmacy in Ellsworth is offering free drive-through rapid COVID-19 antigen testing to people experiencing symptoms of the virus.](#)

## School Information: Conners Emerson & MDI High School

- School Emails and Websites
  - <http://www.mdirss.org/>
- MDIHS [Chalk Talk Update 12/21](#)
- [Latest email update from Principal Haney and MDI High School](#) -Positive at MDIHS 12/24
- CES [TIGER TALK 12/19](#)
- [Latest email update from Conners Emerson School](#) 12/11
- [Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse](#) - Holiday Travel Letter 12/10

## Government News & Mandates

**Governor Mills: Latest Updates :**

- [Governor Mills Continues State of Civil Emergency as Maine Fights COVID-19](#)
- [Governor Mills Statement on FDA's Emergency Use Authorization of Moderna's COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [Governor Mills Statement on Arrival of Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccines in Maine](#)
- [Governor Mills Statement on FDA's Emergency Use Authorization of Pfizer's COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

- [Governor Mills Issues Executive Order Strengthening Enforcement of Face Covering Requirement in All Indoor Public Spaces](#)
- [Mills Administration Commits Full \\$1.25 Billion of Federal Coronavirus Relief Funding](#)
- [Governor Mills Marks Get Covered 2021 Day; Encourages Maine People to Explore Health Insurance Options](#)

#### Other Government Resources:

- [CDC Guidelines](#)
- [Maine CDC](#)
- [Maine DECD Website](#)

## Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce

If you have ideas that would help Bar Harbor businesses during this time, please email concepts to Chamber Director Alf Anderson: [alf@barharborinfo.com](mailto:alf@barharborinfo.com)

<https://www.visitbarharbor.com/member-center-coronavirus-resources>

## Community Resources

- [Healthy Acadia Newsletter](#) : 12/22

## Acadia National Park

- [See latest alert from ANP](#) : Current Conditions

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